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Revision of UNECE standards

Standard for Citrus Fruit

Comments by South Africa

The Specialized Section will revisit the marking provisions of the Standard on the basis of the following proposal submitted by the delegation of South Africa.

Current UNECE standard	*Proposed standard (Germany)*	*Soft Citrus Focus Group, South Africa Proposed standard*
	To simplify the marking provisions in the Standard for Citrus Fruit the delegations agreed to reword section VI. B (Nature of produce) to read:	To simplify the marking provisions in the Standard for Citrus Fruit the delegations agreed to reword section VI. B (Nature of produce) to read:
Common name of the species if the produce is not visible from the outside	Common name of the species if the produce is not visible from the outside, **but obligatory for satsumas and clementines**	***1.** Common name of the species if the produce is not visible from the outside, **but obligatory only for satsumas and clementines** when they are presented as such, but not when presented as generic Mandarins.
"Mixture of citrus fruit" or equivalent denomination and common names of the	"Mixtures of citrus fruit" or equivalent denomination and common names of the different species, in case of a	2. "Mixture of citrus fruit" or equivalent denomination and common names of the different species, in case of a mixture of

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different species, in case of a mixture of citrus fruit of distinctly different species	mixture of citrus fruit of distinctly different species	citrus fruit of distinctly different species
Name of the variety, for oranges For the mandarins group: ~~Satsumas: "Satsumas", which may be followed by the variety~~ ~~Clementines: "Clementines", which may be followed by the variety~~ and, ~~where appropriate, by either the indication "seedless" for seedless~~ ~~elementines (no seeds), elementines (1 to 10 seeds), or elementines "with~~ ~~seeds~~" for clementines with more than 10 seeds	Name of the variety for oranges, all hybrids of the mandarin-group ~~and mandarins~~ other than satsumas and clementines, for which the indication is optional "With seeds" for clementines with more than 10 seeds per fruit "Seedless" (optional)	*3. Name of the variety for oranges and all other hybrids of the mandarin-group (unless presented as **mandarins**) other than satsumas and clementines, for which the indication is optional "With seeds" for clementines with more than 10 seeds per fruit "Seedless" (optional)

Motivation for new wording:

*1. Under certain circumstances when Clementines are marketed as Mandarins or Tangerines, e.g. when the market does not differentiate between Mandarin varieties, or when seed content exceeds acceptable levels for the UK, then these varieties can still be marketed under the generic term "Mandarins" or "Tangerines". The reasoning for this is that both Satsumas and Clementines are a type of mandarin. Note that the opposite is not intended, i.e. it is not intended to market Nova as "Clementine".

*3A. In many markets, it is important that a mandarin-hybrid can be marketed as "Mandarin" if so desired. The reasoning for this is that other mandarin-hybrids, e.g. Sonet, Kiyomi, Primosole, etc., are also a type of mandarin. Note that there is already provision for this in clause 3.

*3B. The use of new or unusual variety names, e.g. Sonet, can be confusing in certain markets. Therefore, it is important that a mandarin-hybrid can be marketed as "Mandarin" if so desired. Note that there is already provision for this in clause 3.